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Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

**SECOND AMENDMENT UNDER RULE 116**

Responsive to the Office Action dated December 17, 2003, and the Advisory  
Action dated June 16, 2004, entry and consideration of the following amendments and  
remarks are requested; the period for response extending up to and including August  
17, 2004, by submission of the Notice of Appeal and Notice of Appeal fee on June 17,  
2004.

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**AMENDMENT**

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